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Director's Meeting

Monday, 7 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Hedden, Becker.-----

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1. The DCI commented briefly respecting items in the Log relating to the Korean situation.

2. The DCI also inquired as to the exact source within Germany of the nickel wire reported on in the Log this morning. Mr. Wisner undertook to ascertain this information.

4. Mr. Dulles indicated that Bill Donovan believes that CIA suppressed his LOOK article and was somewhat irritated thereby. The DCI indicated that he was not concerned.

6. The DCI requested Mr. Becker to ascertain from Dr. Millikan how in general the figures compare between the [ ] estimate on Soviet airplane production and US estimates. *Done*

7. Mr. Dulles reported that [ ] was not due to retire from the [ ] for two years, but the DCI commented that [ ] might make some arrangement making him available to CIA at some earlier date.

8. Mr. Dulles stated that Henry Luce wished to have [ ] report at least nominally, back to his job with Luce but that he would give him all the time needed during the next month to assist [ ] and this was felt to be satisfactory.

9. Mr. Dulles inquired whether it would be advisable to send a copy of the DCI's latest letter to Gen. Willoughby to Gen. Barber and the DCI approved.

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After some discussion it was agreed, however, that there was no reason why Gen. Willoughby should not put Barber in touch with some of his friends and the DCI indicated that he should be so advised [redacted]

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10. Mr. Wisner noted that a rather disagreeable letter relating to CIA had been received at State Department from Ambassador Griffis, according to Mr. Joyce, and the DCI commented that CIA had done all that it need do in this situation.

11. Mr. Dulles reported that [redacted] had complained about an article by Constantine Brown in the Star. It was recognized that there was nothing that we could do about such matters and [redacted] was so informed.

12. Mr. Dulles raised the question of the time it takes for papers to circulate within CIA and the DCI requested Mr. Becker to look into this question.

13. Mr. Wisner raised the subject of morale of personnel and indicated that Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Johnston have specific proposals about which they desire to see the DCI. After some discussion, it was agreed that the DCI would visit OPC at 4:30 pm on 10 January in order to meet the senior officials of the Office and to give them a 15 minute talk on future objectives. There was also a request that OSO be given a further opportunity to brief the DCI, but no final decision was reached on this matter.

14. Mr. Wisner indicated that Admiral Radford would be here from 16 to 20 January 1952 and it was agreed that in view of this timing, Messrs. Johnston and Kirkpatrick should defer leaving on their trip, so as to be here to brief the Admiral. In this connection, the DCI indicated that the Admiral's jurisdiction should be clarified, since he personally is not certain as to whether his authority stopped at the seacoast or extended to other areas.

15. In connection with the foregoing, the DCI inquired as to what had happened with respect to the suggestion he had made to Secretary Lovett respecting activities [redacted] and it was indicated that this matter was still under consideration by the JCS having been sent to them by Under Secretary of Defense Foster.

16. The DCI indicated the urgent need for a Headquarters Commandant and Mr. Becker indicated that it was presently contemplated, as the result of discussions between Mr. Wolf and himself, that [redacted] would be brought into this office

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as Headquarters Commandant and that after he had settled par for the course and a suitable replacement was available, he could be sent to Col. Edwards. The DCI commented that it might be preferable to keep [ ] in this office.

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19. Mr. Wisner reported an attack by Drew Pearson on a Rumanian figure, but indicated that CIA was not really involved.

20. There was also a brief discussion as to the status of the Mikolayczyk case and Mr. Wisner indicated that CIA approval under the 100 Body Act was the only way of getting him on a trip which State urgently desired to have him make. In connection with this, the DCI made it plain to all present that he expected each Deputy to be advised of all of the facts before requesting the DCI's signature.

21. Mr. Wisner also reported that the McCarran Committee had subpoenaed a man who had been brought in by CIA. The principle reason for the issuance of this subpoena was not known but it was doubted that CIA was involved.

22. Mr. Hedden indicated that he wished to make a full report when Mr. Wolf was present, but he did wish to state that he had looked into Col. Baird's unclassified pool and found that it was in excellent order. The trouble existed in the unclassified pool administrated by Gen. Davison. He planned to make a fuller report at some later date.

23. Mr. Becker reported to the DCI that the Brownell Committee had heard representatives of [ ] and State on Saturday last and next Friday wished to hear from CIA representatives. Mr. Douglass was in charge of preparing this presentation.

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